

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the Forty Third meeting of the Committee
at 'Applegarth", School Hill, Warnham on
Wednesday 23rd September 1992.

Present: Mr RE Melhuish (Chairman)
Mr RH Newman (Treasurer)
Mr RH Courtier
Mr RH Purcell
Mr GJ Read
Mrs O G Thornton

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Sir James Dalrymple-Hay (Hon Sec), Mr RB Bensted-Smith, Mr AG Brand and Mrs JH Jameson. In the absence of the Secretary, Mr Courtier took notes of the meeting.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 1st July 1992

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st July were approved as a correct record, and were duly signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting

(i) **Granny's Lane (i)**

There had been no further progress and Mrs Thornton agreed to re-contact Mr Prichard-Jones.

(ii) **Field Place - Reserve Housing Site (ii)**

Contrary to the previous minutes (1 July 1992) the land involved in the planning application by Mr Prichard-Jones was, in fact, in the Parish of Warnham.

Planning permission had been granted, subject to approval by the Department of Environment, which was required because the application was contrary to the presumptions of the recommended local plan. The Committee were dismayed both by the decision of Horsham Council, and by the apparent support given by Warnham's local Councillor.

(iii) **County Landscape (v)**

Mr Read reported that the Parish Council was continuing to action the proposals.

(iv) **Gatwick Overflying (viii)**

It did not seem that much could be done about the small aircraft originally discussed, but it was noted that there was now a proposal to extend flying hours from Gatwick. It was agreed that the Secretary would be asked to write noting objection.

(v) **Treasurer's Report (iv)**

The Chairman apologised for failing to ask Mr Boud to audit the accounts and undertook to do so shortly.

(vi) **Warehouse (6.01)**

The Chairman reported that he had written to object to the application, and noted that it had subsequently been rejected.

(vii) **Traffic Calming (7)**

It was reported that the Parish Council were investigating double yellow lines for parking restrictions.

(viii) **Society Chairman (8)**

The Chairman had not, as yet, approached other members.

(ix) **Community Advisor**

Mr Read said no suitable candidate had come to notice, and he had copies of the terms of reference should anyone wish to see them.

4. Treasurer's Report

Mr Newman had prepared a list of past members who still had not renewed membership. Of the twelve, three were believed to have left the district. No specific action was proposed for the other nine. Discussion was held concerning the membership dues for '92-'93. Mr Newman expressed concern at the general level of funds and counselled that the balance was at a level where it was vulnerable to charges. The balance stood at £92-43.

The Committee agreed that no increase should be made for '92-'93, but that fund raising should be considered in the Spring.

Mr Courtier offered to underwrite the balance to maintain it above £100 for the coming year.

Mr Newman undertook to have the accounts published for the AGM.

5. 1992 AGM

It was agreed that the meeting would be structured so that the business of the AGM proceeded first, culminating in the election of the Committee for 1992– 1993. The speaker,

Mr David Taylor, Deputy County Surveyor, would then give his talk on Traffic Calming.

The date of 27 October 1992 was confirmed, to start at 7.30pm for 8.00pm.

Kind offers to arrange coffee by Mrs Thornton and wine by Mr Read were accepted with thanks by the Committee. Mr Newman would arrange to unlock the Village Hall and the Chairman would see to posters. Mr Courtier undertook to thank the Speaker.

It was agreed that no attempt would be made to integrate any of the Society's ideas on Traffic Calming with Mr Taylor's talk; he would be given an open platform.

6. Committee Nominations

The Chairman re-confirmed his resignation from post and also from the Committee. Those present stated that they were prepared to continue for re-election.

It was believed that those of the Committee not present were also prepared to be proposed for re-election.

As numbers were below the maximum level in the constitution, other nominations for the Committee could be sought. Mr Boud and Mr Lee were agreed as suitable candidates, and Mrs Thornton also had another in mind.

7. Draft 1992 Report

A report for the 1992 year, to be circulated at the AGM, was tabled. After some slight editorial amendment, it was accepted by the Committee.

8. Planning Matters

8.01 Tilletts Lane. It was reported that development proposals for the west side of Tilletts Lane were active, but no application had been made yet.

8.02 Others. Apart from recording the outcome of earlier applications as already discussed, the Chairman reported that there were no other matters of significance during the last period - perhaps an indicator of austerity.

9. Best Kept Garden Competition

Mrs Thornton and Mrs Jameson had made their decisions and voted St Margaret's Court gardens as winners. Notwithstanding the unusual nature of this nomination it was considered appropriate and the Committee endorsed it. A voucher would be given at the announcement of the winner at the AGM.

10. Other Business

10.01 Mr Read raised the matter of BT's proposed changing of the village telephones to K8 (all glass type). The PCC had requested two of the existing K6 to be retained; these being in Church St and Friday St. The Committee agreed with this.

10.02 Mr Read also reported that WSCC planned to re-landscape the works lay-by at the top of Knob Hill. The Society looked forward to the removal of this eye-sore.

10.03 The Committee thanked Mr Purcell for the printing of membership cards. These would be issued at the AGM.

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 10 December 1992 at 08.00 at 'Applegarth', School Hill at the kind invitation of Mr Newman.